

Minority Serving Institutions. Testimony was heard from George A. Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and Robert Shireman, Office of the Under Secretary, Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Education.

SYNTHETIC GENOMICS' HEALTH/ENERGY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on Developments in Synthetic Genomics and Implications for Health and Energy. Testimony was heard from Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

BP OIL SPILL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Combating the BP Oil Spill." Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Larry Robinson, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; RADM James Watson, USCG, Deputy, Unified Area Command, Department of Homeland Security; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense.

HOUSING FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 476, Housing Fairness Act of 2009.

U.S.-MEXICO SECURITY COOPERATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere of the Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled "U.S.-Mexico Security Cooperation: Next Steps for the Merida Initiative." Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Mariko Silver, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Affairs; Alonzo R. Peña, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Allen Gina, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and John D. Negroponte, former Director of National Intelligence, former Deputy Secretary of State; and former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras and to Mexico.

GULF COAST OIL SPILL LEGAL LIABILITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the Legal Liability Issues Surrounding the Gulf Coast Oil Disaster. Testimony was heard from Jim Hood, Attorney General, State of Mississippi; Darryl Willis, Vice President, Resources, BP America; Rachael Clingman, Acting General Counsel, Transocean, Ltd.; James W. Ferguson, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Halliburton; William C. Lemmer, General Counsel, Cameron International Corporation; and public witnesses.

DEEPWATER HORIZON EXPLOSION'S OIL STRATEGY IMPACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Continued oversight hearings entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion." Testimony was heard from Representative Garamendi, Lamar McKay, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc., Steven L. Newman, President and CEO, Transocean Ltd., and public witnesses.

PEDIATRIC OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION RECALLS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing regarding the circumstances surrounding the recall of popular children's medicines produced by Johnson & Johnson/McNeil Consumer Healthcare. Testimony was heard from following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Joshua Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner; Deborah M. Autor, Director, Office of Compliance, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; and Michael A. Chappell, Acting Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs; and Colleen Goggins, Worldwide Chairman, Consumer Group, Johnson & Johnson.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3243, to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determination relating to overtime pay; H.R. 3264, as amended, Federal Internship Improvement Act; H.R. 5367, as amended, D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010; and H.R. 5368, United States Postal Service Postal Inspectors Equity Act.